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SUBJECT: MTN; EXPANDED 7 PLUS 7 MEETING ON TARIFFS

1. SUMMARY. EXPANDED 7 PLUS 7 MEETING ON TARIFFS WAS
DEVOTED LARGELY TO FACTUAL REPORTS BY DELS DN THE STATUS
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OF INDUSTRIAL TARIFF OFFERS. MAJOR LDC SPOKESMEN WERE
SILENT ON THE LACK OF AGREED LIST OF S&D MEASURES FOR
TARIFF REDUCTION OFFERS. END SUMMARY.

2. GROUP TARIFFS CHAIRMAN PATTERSON CALLED EXPANDED 7
PLUS 7 MEETING FOR AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 31 TO DISCUSS
PRESENT NEGOTIATING SITUATION IN TARIFFS. FIRST PART OF

MEETING DEVOTED TO FACTUAL REPORTS BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON THE STATUS OF THEIR INDUSTRIAL TARIFF OFFERS. SUMMARY OF DC STATEMENTS, IN RESPONSE TO PATTERSON'S SPECIFIC QUERIES, FOLLOWS:

(A) EC (LUYTEN) - OFFER, WHILE GENERAL, IS SUFFICIENTLY SPECIFIC AND DETAILED TO ALLOW TRADING PARTNERS TO CONSTRUCT ACTUAL REDUCTIONS USING CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE AND CURRENT CXT.

(B) SWITZERLAND (EBERHARD) - PROMISED SUBMISSION OF AD VALOREM EQUIVALENTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION ON FISCAL DUTIES IN TWO WEEKS' TIME.

(C) AUSTRIA (SEGALLA) - VIENNA STUDYING LINE-ITEM IMPACT OF DIFFERENT COEFFICIENTS IN SWISS FORMULA. STATEMENT ON COEFFICIENT TO BE USED WILL BE SUBMITTED SOON.

(D) JAPAN (UKAWA) - PROMISED DISTRIBUTION OF DETAILED OFFER TO ALL PARTICIPANTS WITHIN TEN DAYS.

(E) CANADA (DENIS) - PROMISED DISTRIBUTION OF ITEM-BY-ITEM OFFER WITHIN ONE TO TWO WEEKS.

(F) NORDICS (DEGEER) - ITEM-BY-ITEM OFFERS FOR EACH OF THE THREE TARIFF SCHEDULES (SWEDEN, NORWAY, FINLAND) WOULD ARRIVE IN TWO WEEKS' TIME AND WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL PARTICIPANTS IF FEASIBLE FROM STANDPOINT OF REPRODUCTION.

(G) AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND ICELAND - REPEATED INTENT TO BASE OFFERS ON REQUESTS RECEIVED. TIMING OF OFFERS CONTINGENT UPON TIMELY RECEIPT OF REQUESTS.

(H) NEW ZEALAND (GREIG) - POSITIVE OFFERS WILL BE SUBMITTED SHORTLY. WILL ACCEPT REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATIONS/IMPROVEMENTS.

(I) HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA - STATED INTENT TO APPLY GENERAL HARMONIZATION HYPOTHESIS AND TO OFFER RESULTING CONCESSIONS TO COUNTRIES WITH WHOM THEY HAVE GATT RELATIONS.

(J) GREECE (LIONTAS) - STATED ITS OFFER WAS ALIGNMENT OF ITS OWN TARIFFS TO THE NEW RATES TO BE NEGOTIATED BY THE EC. WILL SEEK RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BENEFITTING FROM THIS MFN OFFER.

3. CHAIRMAN PATTERSON QUERIED DELS ON HOW SOON THEY

EXPECTED THEIR INTERNAL ANALYSES OF FOREIGN OFFERS TO BE COMPLETED, AND TO BE PREPARED TO OPEN FORMAL TALKS ON THE CONTENT OF THE OFFERS. COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE MADE GENERAL OFFERS, I.E., EC, SWITZERLAND AND THE NORDICS, STATED THAT ANYWHERE FROM A MONTH TO SIX WEEKS WOULD BE NECESSARY. COUNTRIES WITH SPECIFIC OFFERS ON OR ALMOST ON THE TABLE, I.E., THE U.S. (MCNAMARA), CANADA, AND JAPAN, EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO MOVE INTO THE BILATERAL CLARIFICATION STAGE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND PROMISED TO BE PREPARED IN LESS THAN A MONTH. U.S. DEL USED OCCASION TO PRESS FOR SUBMISSION OF LDC REQUESTS NO LATER THAN MARCH 1.

4. SWITZERLAND, IN AN UNHELPFUL INTERVENTION, SUGGESTED THAT MULTILATERAL CLARIFICATION EXERCISE MIGHT BE A USEFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROCEDURE AT THIS POINT. ONLY EGYPT (HAMZA) GAVE SUPPORT.
(COMMENT: IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT LDC'S WILL PRESS FOR
MULTILATERAL CONFRONTATION AND JUSTIFICATION EXERCISE
UNTIL MORE IS KNOWN ABOUT DC OFFERS AND BILATERAL TALKS
ARE WELL-ADVANCED.) CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR ACCELERATION OF
WORK IN CAPITALS, TO ENABLE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS TO KEEP
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PACE WITH TIMETABLE FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE
MTN IN JULY.

5. EVEN WITH OPEN INVITATION FROM CHAIR, LDC'S DID NOT
WEIGH-IN ON SUBJECT OF S&D. EGYPT (HAMZA) WAS ONLY DEL
RENEWING CALL FOR AGREED LIST OF MEASURES, BUT IMPLIED
THAT GENERAL PRINCIPLES WERE NOW OF LESS IMPORTANCE TO
LDC'S THAN POSITIVE RESPONSES TO THEIR ITEM-SPECIFIC
REQUESTS. (COMMENT: THE LACK OF LDC INTERVENTIONS ON
THIS POINT WAS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO STATEMENTS AT JAN. 23
INFORMAL MEETING. MTN DEL BELIEVES THIS REFLECTS LDC
ACCEPTANCE OF NEGOTIATING REALITIES BEFORE THEM AND FACT
THAT THEIR ATTEMPTS TO FORM COMMON S&D POSITION IN TARIFFS
AREA FAILED.) MCDONALD

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